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1. Thirty Albanian pilots have recently returned from the USSR, after having completed a training course. Another 60 pilots are still in the USSR receiving instruction in the use of Soviet aircraft.
2. The Soviet military mission plans to strengthen the Tirana, Shkoder, Vlone, Gjinokaster, Peshkopiya, and Kukes airports. Plans for this expansion of facilities have already been approved and the work begun.
3. Construction has commenced on a new airfield at Bamatat.

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